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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3564, DATED 20 APR 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1 2257N Ø8239W

SITE ABANDONED. EIGHT SMALL TRUCKS OBSERVED NEAR ARCHED-ROOF BUILDING.

25X1D

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

NO CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

25X1D SITE ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY.

25X1A

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25X1A

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N Ø7929W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

LOS ANGELES SAM SITE 2100N 07541W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

MANATI SAM SITE 2113N Ø77Ø2W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1A

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N Ø8221W

25X1D AREA CONTAINS 24 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS.

VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2104N 07700W

AREA CONTAINS 29 POSSIBLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, APPROXIMATELY 50 OTHER VEHICLES AND NUMEROUS MISSILE CANISTERS.

25X1D

25X1D

25X1A

HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N 07627W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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25X1A

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N Ø8215W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 12 PROBABLE PRIME MOVERS AND 6 OTHER VEHICLES, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA. 25X1D

25X1A

BANES CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2058N 07538W

SITE CONTAINS 2 LAUNCHERS, 2 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND 7 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES. 25X1D ALTERNATE SITE UNOCCUPIED.

CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

TWO LAUNCHERS AND 10 PROBABLE PRIME MOVERS OBSERVED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

SITE CONTAINS 12 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, APPROXIMATELY 45 CRUISE-MISSILE TYPE CRATES, AND NUMEROUS VEHICLES.

25X1D

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-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N Ø7955W

AIRCRAFT -- 12 FAGOT/FRESCO AND ONE LIAISON. 25X1D

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- 6 FAGOT/FRESCO, ONE LIAISON/TRAINER AND ONE HARE.

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25X1A

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N Ø8231W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 25 FAGOT/FRESCO, 34 FISHBED, 11 B-26, 4 T-6, AND 6 SINGLE-ENGINE LIAISON/TRAINER.

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 3 C-54, ONE C-47, ONE CLEAT, ONE COOT, ONE LODESTAR, 5 CRATE, 2 BRITANNIA, 2 LIAISON/TRAINER, AND ONE B-26.

25X1D

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CRATE, 2 CAB, 6 COLT, 35 LIAISON/TRAINER, AND ONE PBY.

25X1D

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

APPROXIMATELY 80 VEHICLES PARKED ON EAST END OF RUNWAY.

25X1D

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 65 HOUND, 4 HARE, ONE CRATE, ONE CAB, AND 2 BELL HELICOPTERS.

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MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N Ø8217W

25X1D

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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25X1A

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 2 PF, ONE PC, AND 11 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG OBSERVED.

25X1D

BANES PORT 2055N 07542W

25X1D

25X1A

VESSELS -- ONE PC.

THE 11 GABLE-ROOFED CRATES FIRST REPORTED ON

ARE STILL PRESENT.

25X1D

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N Ø7928W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N Ø8218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 14 LARGE FREIGHTERS, ONE SMALL FREIGHTER, 25X1D 25X1D

4 TRAWLERS, 6 PT, 2 PC, AND ONE PF VISIBLE.

(THE KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, LAST REPORTED ON MISSION

MAY BE PRESENT BUT NOT DISCERNIBLE DUE TO

POOR IMAGE QUALITY.) 25X1D

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25X1A

CABANAS PORT 2259N Ø8256W

NO VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N Ø8311W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N Ø8233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
APPROXIMATELY 10 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N Ø8248W

POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES A DETAILED INTERPRETATION, HOWEVER, ONE NEW LARGE TENT (NOT OF KNOWN SOVIET TYPE) IS EVIDENT. A TOTAL OF 38 LARGE AND 5 MEDIUM TENTS ARE NOW PRESENT. A ROW OF APPROXIMATELY 14 HARDSTANDS (PROBABLY VEHICULAR PARKING) IS BEING CONSTRUCTED ADJACENT TO THE TENTS.
TWO 8-WHEELED APCS ARE MISSING FROM THEIR USUAL POSITIONS.

25X1D

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25X10

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N Ø8311W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE MISSION

POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N Ø8252W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

25X1D

POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES A DETAILED INTERPRETATION, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT AND DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IN ANY OF THE 3 AREAS SINCE

25X1D

EL JUCARO, MILITARY AREA 2051N 07543W

MISSION

25X1D

AREA CONTAINS 5 LARGE AND 7 SMALL TENTS.
NO VEHICLES OR MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES A DETAILED INTERPRETATION, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT AND DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES OR PIECES

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OF EQUIPMENT SINCE MISSION EXCEPT FOR UNIDENTIFIED MATERIAL ADJACENT TO TWO OF THE BARRACKS 25X1D IN THE MAIN CAMP. THIS MATERIAL APPEARS SIMILAR TO THE UNIDENTIFIED MATERIAL ORSERVED ON MISSION

25X1D

MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

FENCED AREA CONTAINS 7 EARTH-COVERED BUNKERS. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N Ø822ØW

FOLIAGE AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE A DETAILED INTERPRETATION, HOWEVER, IT IS EVIDENT THAT TWO CARGO TRUCKS AND 10 PROBABLE TRACKED PRIME MOVERS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON MISSION HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE HARDSTAND AND ARE NOT DISCERNIBLE. THE 6 AAA PIECES HAVE BEEN MOVED BACK INTO 25X1D THE REVETMENTS.

25X1D

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N Ø821ØW

NO CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

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25X1A

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N Ø8228W 25X1D

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT AND DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT SINCE MISSION

25X1D

25X1A

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY 2221N Ø7957W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS, MILITARY CAMP 2054N 07655W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. SIXTY VEHICLES VISIBLE ON HARDSTANDS.
POOR IMAGE QUALITY AND HAZE PRECLUDE FURTHER

25X1D INTERPRETATION.

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

CAMP CONTAINS 16 LOWBOY TRAILERS AND APPROXIMATELY 25X1D 250 OTHER VEHICLES.

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N Ø8214W

AREA CONTAINS 14 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY 15 VEHICLES.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDO, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

CAMP CONTAINS 16 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 17 VEHICLES.

25X1D

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BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

APPROXIMATELY 15 VEHICLES AND APPROXIMATELY 25 FA PIECES VISIBLE.

25X1D

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

CAMP CONTAINS 4 LOWBOY TRAILERS AND APPROXIMATELY 25X1D 150 OTHER VEHICLES.

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- APPROXIMATELY 25 CANVAS-COVERED TANKS/SP GUNS AND 50 VEHICLES.
AREA 4 -- APPROXIMATELY 25 FA PIECES.
AREAS 2 AND 3 NOT COVERED.

25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE: IN FACILITIES.
APPROXIMATELY 85 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N Ø8218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

25X1D

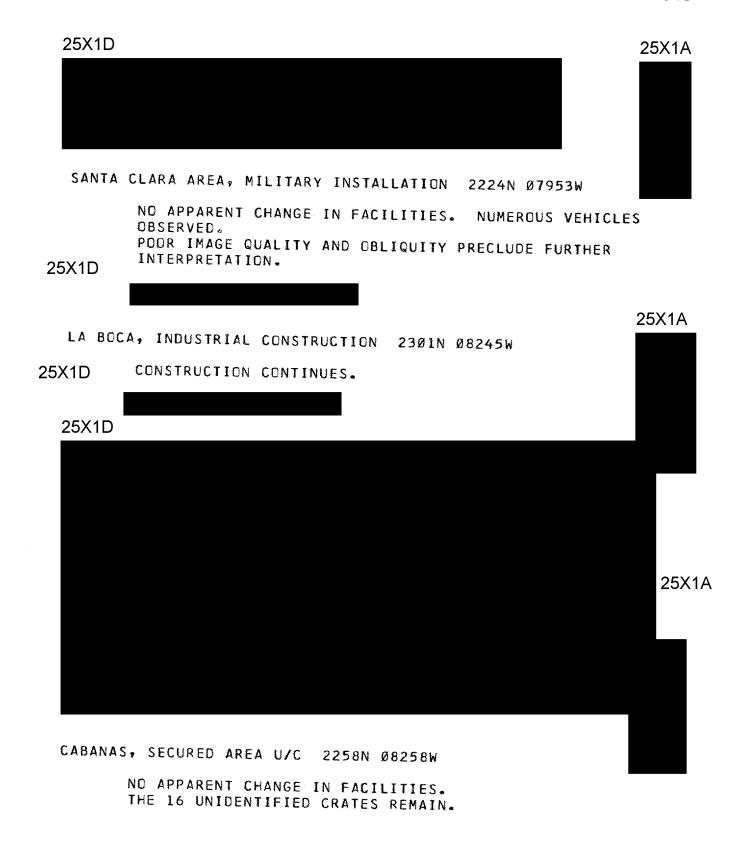
BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N Ø8223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
TWENTY-TWO VEHICLES IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE LAST COVERAGE --

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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3	2242N Ø83Ø8W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2	2239N Ø7951W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N Ø7935W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N Ø8258W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N Ø8236W
CHAPARRA SAM SITE	2107N 07626W
HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2300N 08226W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N Ø8227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	225ØN Ø8233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N Ø8231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	23ØØN Ø8234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	
· · · · · ·	2258N Ø8244W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	231ØN Ø8212W

25X1D

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

MAJANA SAM SITE

2241N Ø8249W

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